

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 250(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:**Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HANNAN, Fields****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act establishing the crime of wearing a mask in public while acting as a peace
2 officer; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 11.56 is amended by adding a new section to article 6 to read:

5 **Sec. 11.56.880. Wearing a mask in public while acting as a peace officer.**

6 (a) A peace officer commits the crime of wearing a mask in public while acting as a
7 peace officer if, while interacting with the public in the peace officer's official
8 capacity, the peace officer knowingly conceals the peace officer's face with a mask or
9 disguise.

10 (b) This section does not apply to a peace officer who

11 (1) is on an undercover assignment;

12 (2) is wearing

13 (A) a shield that does not obscure the peace officer's face that is
14 designed to protect the peace officer's face from harm;

(B) a medical mask or respirator that is designed to prevent the transmission of disease if the peace officer has obtained a statement from a licensed physician that the mask or respirator is necessary to protect the health of the peace officer;

(C) a mask for protection against exposure to smoke;

(D) a mask while outdoors when the temperature is at or below 32° Fahrenheit.

(c) Wearing a mask in public while acting as a peace officer is a class B misdemeanor.

10 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
11 read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 11.56.880, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

14 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).